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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) No. 3:21-cr-00086-TMB-MMS	
Plaintiff, v.	) COUNT 1: ) POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED ) SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT TO ) DISTRIBUTE	
JOSEPH ANDREW FRANKS IV,	Vio. of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),	
Defendant.	) (b)(1)(C) ) COUNT 2: ) POSSESSION OF A FIREARM IN ) FUTHERANCE OF A DRUG ) TRAFFICKING CRIME ) Vio. of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i) ) COUNT 3: ) FELON IN POSSESSION OF ) FIREARMS ) Vio. of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and ) 924(a)(2) )	
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) <u>COUNT 4:</u>
) POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED
) SUBSTANCES WITH INTENT TO
) DISTRIBUTE
Vio. of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
) (b)(1)(B) and (C)
)
) <u>CRIMINAL FORFEITURE</u>
) ALLEGATION:
) 21 U.S.C. § 853
 )

# <u>INDICTMENT</u>

The Grand Jury charges that:

## COUNT 1

On or about January 28, 2021, within the District of Alaska, the defendant JOSEPH ANDREW FRANKS IV, knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin.

All of which is in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C).

#### COUNT 2

On or about January 28, 2021, within the District of Alaska, the defendant JOSEPH ANDREW FRANKS IV, did knowingly possess firearms, to wit: a Kimber Model II Ultra Carry .45-caliber pistol and a Colt Government .45-caliber pistol, in furtherance of the drug trafficking offense alleged in Count 1.

All of which is in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

## COUNT 3

On or about January 28, 2021, within the District of Alaska, the defendant, JOSEPH ANDREW FRANKS IV, knowing that he had been convicted of crimes punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, firearms, to wit:

- 1. One Kimber Model II Ultra Carry .45-caliber pistol; and
- 2. One Colt Government .45-caliber pistol.

# Convictions

Conviction Date	Offense	Court	Case No.
January 12, 2016	4th Degree Misconduct Involving Controlled Substances	Superior Court for the State of Alaska	3PA-15- 02889CR
August 26, 2015	Felony DUI	Superior Court for the State of Alaska	3PA-13- 01971CR

All of which is in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

#### COUNT 4

On or about February 4, 2021, within the District of Alaska, the defendant,

JOSEPH ANDREW FRANKS IV, knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to
distribute a controlled substance, to wit: 5 grams or more of pure methamphetamine, and
a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin.

All of which is in violation of 21 U.S.C.  $\S$  841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B) and (C).

## CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count 4 of this Indictment, the defendant, JOSEPH ANDREW FRANKS IV, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)(1) any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the said violation and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of the said violations, including but not limited to the following:

1. \$5,320 in US currency.

All pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853 and Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

A TRUE BILL.

s/ Grand Jury Foreperson
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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DATE: September 21, 2021